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Vessels

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In Kronshtadt: Three submarines
four cruisers
SVERDLOV-class, one under
construction, and the ADMIRAL MAKAROV; two
destroyers and auxiliaries
In Riga: One M-class
submarine and submarine class unidentified.

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KRONSHADT-class submarine chaser
off Tallinn. Large naval vessel
/KIROV-class/ and two destroyers with
scaffolding around the foremasts in
Kronshtadt. KRONSHADT-class submarine
chasers in Sassnitz.

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Sighting of the EKVATOR, NARA, KRONSHADT-
class submarine chaser submarine
(in Riga)

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Two unidentified naval vessels at the
fitting-out basin in Zhdanov Shipyard,
Leningrad, with scaffoldings around the
foremasts. No description.

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[redacted] two naval vessels lay at the fitting-out basin of
the Sydanov Shipyard in Leningrad. Scaffoldings were erected around
the vessels' foremasts.

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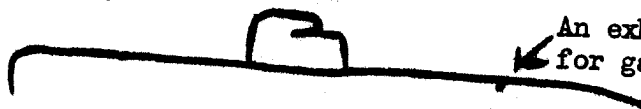
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- Seen in Kronstadt were cruiser [redacted] of the SVERBLOV class and another one. a ship similar to the PROVORNYI class destroyers [redacted] a number of minesweepers and a large icebreaker.

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- Observed in Riga were a submarine of the "M" class and approximately six small patrol vessels. In Riga bight was submarine [redacted] (see sketch)

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An exhaust pipe on each side for gases from two diesel motors.

In Kronstadt were the armored ship [redacted] (on its way out to sea), the cruiser ADMIRAL MAKAROV at anchor in the roadstead, a frigate and a submarine underway in the roadstead, and a cruiser under construction.

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1. The KRONSTADT class subchaser [redacted] was observed at the buoy off of Tallin. [redacted]

2. The following were seen in Kronstadt:

a. A large naval vessel [redacted]

b. Two destroyers with scaffolding around the foremast.

c. [redacted]

3. Patrol Boat [redacted] was observed off of the entrance to Riga [redacted]

4. Subchaser [redacted] and one other, of the KRONSTADT class, were observed in Sassnitz.

5. KRONSTADT class Subchasers [redacted] were seen in Sassnitz.

6. KRONSTADT class Subchasers [redacted] were seen in Sassnitz. [redacted] departed [redacted]

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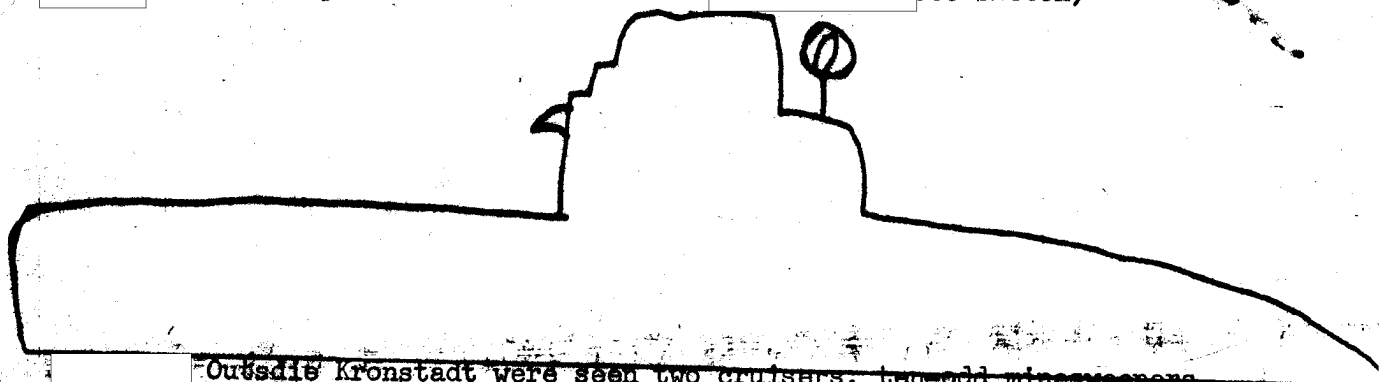
- In Riga there were a small number of motor torpedo boats lying in the harbor, at [redacted]
- Outside Hälsingborg, Sweden, the school vessel EKVATOR was sighted northbound at a speed of 14 knots.
- The tanker NARA outside Hälsingborg, Sweden, sighted [redacted] northbound in a loaded condition, at a speed of 10 knots.
- In a canal south of Winterhafen in Riga were observed about forty motor torpedo boats and submarine [redacted] (see sketch)

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Outside Kronstadt were seen two cruisers, ten odd minesweepers, and three submarines. In Kronstadt were twenty-odd destroyer-like vessels.

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t - In Sassnitz was the KRONSTADT class submarine chaser [redacted] with three others.

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- In Riga Bight were seen a large number of submarines which practiced torpedo firing at a small zig-zagging warship.

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